

Comment

BY GUS MALBERT

Came mighty near letting that game slip away yesterday. When Verbut got tired it was time to pull him out. As it was, the game was tied up, and it required consistent stick work to bring it home.

For some reason or other the Colts fall to run bases as many would wish them to. Half of the fault lies in the coaching. Rapp, on the third base line in the ninth inning, let Martin go home when it was clear that he couldn't beat the throw. It was simply a case of hoping against hope that something would happen. It did. He was caught a full city block.

It was the kind of game the fans like. Although a small crowd was out, those present enjoyed every moment of the game. Hit and run was the order of the day. Both clubs got thirteen hits each and the closeness of the score tells the rest. However, when the under dog can crawl out and nearly be a winner it adds zest to the sport.

Arthur Irwin, that prince of good fellows, scouting for the New York Americans, was out at the game. He sat through the ten innings and watched every move, and if anything comes off and Arthur Irwin doesn't see it put down a big black chalk mark. With Irwin were Charlie Farrell and Tom Dalley. Dalley is an old-time catcher, and on to the wrinkles of the game himself. He is out looking for promising material for the Naps. Farrell, probably more than any other one man, deserves credit for the way the Highlanders are going. He is the fellow who had charge of conditioning the youngsters during the spring training, and the remarkable showing the Killies are now making can be attributed as much to their splendid physical condition as to anything else.

It is betraying no secret to tell that Irwin and Farrell are both rather favorably impressed with Martin and Baker. So is Tom Dalley, for that matter. The three were out looking them over and passing a few remarks. Smith, catching on the Danville club, is another of the youngsters who met with approval.

For the information of those interested it might be well to state that the two local boys now under inspection will stack up favorably with any in minor league company to-day. Baker is batting at a .251 clip and improving every day. He is holding like a demon, and there is no chance to drive anything through him. Martin is sticking at .294, and covers a world of territory. Both boys have remarkable whips, and both are death on infield taps. They are worth looking at, and the team getting either or both will have valuable property.

The report from New York that the local management was dissatisfied with Johnny Priest is not at all surprising. Notwithstanding the protests from some quarters, those who have watched the games are certain that the infield needs strengthening. Arthur Irwin, who must know something of the deal, would have nothing to say. He didn't deny it, but, on the other hand, he would not confirm it. However, the correspondent of this paper in the big city comes pretty near knowing what is going on. If Priest comes here it will mean that one of the infielders will go. Who is it going to be?

Egan, while not fast, is a tower of strength with the stick. To put him at first base would not require him to be so fast. He throws well enough, and now that he is in form, could probably do well at the initial station. On the other hand Dobson is a favorite. The fans like him, and he is a good fielding first baseman, but he can't hit. Priest will undoubtedly go, to second if he joins the club. And he will add strength. He hits well, and is a fast fielder. Who is Sullivan going to let go? Will it be Dobson or Egan?

One thing is certain, whatever the final decision, Priest will help build up the club. It will be a good day's work when the management lands him.

So far as can be learned at this time, nothing has been done with the pitching staff. The surplus man was out yesterday in uniform, and no intimation has been made as to whether one will be let go. Popular opinion desires Rapp to stay. He has made friends and his record in the three games he has worked should give him the job. But which of the other one is going? It is a toss up. Not a single

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member of the pitching department, has shown up any too brightly. True in some games the men have worked brilliantly, but less brilliancy and more consistency would help up a great deal toward winning games, and at this stage of the race, winning games is what is most needed.

Ray Morgan got an awful shiner in practice before the game yesterday. A ground ball batted to him took a nasty blow and got him in the eye.

Joe Laughlin caught a fly ball yesterday from Matt's bat which was up against left field fence. H. W. McFarland, who is best known as plain Mc. will locate in Richmond. He is going into the howling business. Last year he was in centre garden for Petersburg. He is a Baltimore boy and almost felt at home watching the antics of his fellow townsmen on the Danville team.

Another one to-day. May it go the same way.

Spencer Reel Team Wins.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Spencer, N. C., June 29.—The Spencer hose reel team won the first prize in the grab race and second prize in the long distance race in the Interstate Firemen's tournament at Columbia, S. C., to-day.

Cuban Players for Cincinnati.
Cincinnati, O., June 29.—Ralph Almeida and Armando Marsan, Cuban players, who were purchased from the New Britain (Conn.) Club by the Cincinnati Nationals, reported for duty to-day. Almeida is the first Cuban player to be signed by a major league club. Almeida is an infielder, while Marsan plays the outfield.

RACES TO-DAY WILL END ROWING SEASON

Yale and Harvard Will Meet on Thames in Great Dual Struggle for Supremacy—Crimson Is Favorite.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
New London, Conn., June 29.—The last of the big intercollegiate rowing races of the season, and one which promises to prove a fitting climax to the most successful year the sport has witnessed in a long time, has brought to New London by the thousands participants of Harvard and Yale, who meet to-morrow in the time-honored dual struggle for supremacy in oarsmanship between these two foremost universities of the nation. Probably the greatest crowd that ever witnessed a Yale-Harvard race will line the banks of the Thames to-morrow.

Several hundred rowing enthusiasts, who were at Poughkeepsie for the intercollegiate regatta on Tuesday, have come here to see to-morrow's race, including about half the members of the crews that competed in the five-cornered event. It was predicted to-day that fully 20,000 persons will be on hand when the special excursions have arrived to-morrow.

Men Coach Indoors.
Neither Coach Kennedy nor Coach Wright would send their charges over the course to-day. The men were kept indoors, and put on the rowing machines for brief spells, merely to keep their muscles limber.

In the big race, the varsity eights,

NORFOLK BACK IN OLD-TIME FORM

With "Dad" Pender Umpiring, Defeats Roanoke by Score of 5 to 3.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Norfolk, Va., June 29.—The Tars got back into old-time form at Virginia League Park, and took the first game of the series with Roanoke. While the judgment and costly errors contributed to the victory, in the third, Babb's boys were out to win, and worked hard. Starke was rather wild at first, and in the third Poole went in, holding the Tigers down.

Features of the game were a one-hand pickup by Dodge, of Shaughnessy's hot drive, with a man on second, and Harris's high one-hand catch of a line drive in the ninth.

Harris did not have much chance, but he looks the goods on second. Dodge, in his old position at third played a good game.

Dad Pender was back at his old post with the indicator, being assisted by Flynn. The score:

	Norfolk.	A.	B.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Kircher, cf.	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Dodge, 3b.	3	2	2	4	0	0	0
Babb, ss.	4	3	1	5	0	0	0
Block, c.	4	3	4	0	0	0	0
Harris, 2b.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Staubb, lf.	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Law, lb.	4	1	1	4	1	0	0
Shaw, rf.	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Stark, p.	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Pool, p.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	12	27	13	0	0	0

	Roanoke.	A.	B.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Shaughnessy, rf.	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Presley, lb.	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Holland, cf.	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cooper, c.	3	1	4	0	0	0	0
Shields, 2b.	4	0	3	4	0	0	0
Connors, 3b.	1	1	1	3	0	0	0
Cefalu, ss.	2	0	2	4	1	0	0
Mabry, cf.	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
Draper, p.	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
Enrd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	4	24	13	0	0	0

*Batter for Draper in ninth.

The score by innings:

Norfolk.....00301001-5
Roanoke.....11010000-0

Summary: Runs—Kircher (2), Dodge, Babb, Shaughnessy, Connors, Cefalu, Two-base hits—Cooper, Mabry, Draper, Dodge. Three-base hits—Staubb, Stolen bases—Connors, Double plays—Cefalu to Presley. Base on balls—Off Stark, 3; off Pool, 2; off Draper, 2. Left on bases—Norfolk, 5; Roanoke, 8. Hits—Off Stark, 5; Pool, 2; Draper, 12. Struck out—By Pool, 3; by Draper, 3. Time of game, 1:45. Umpires, Pender and Flynn.

Harvard seems to have a slight advantage over the Blue. But the speed of the Crimson hangs largely contingent on whether or not the bow arm will be pulled by the regular, Gordon Balch, who has been laid up with a bad knee. Even at this late hour, Jimmy Wray has not decided whether his crack lead oarsman will be able to stand the game. If he does not row to-morrow, George Von L. Meyer, Jr., son of the Secretary of the Navy, will take his seat in the boat, being moved up from No. 2 in the four and causing a substitution in that boat. The other seats in the varsity will be filled as follows: Stratton, 2; Metcalf, 3; Goodale, 4; Withington, 5; Strong, 6; Cutler, 7; Newton, stroke, and Abeles, coxswain.

The Harvard varsity will weigh about seven pounds heavier to the man than Yale, tipping the beam at about 175 pounds, while the New Havenites will weigh in around the neighborhood of 171.

Yale experienced a disastrous early season, losing to the crews of Pennsylvania, Princeton and Cornell in the first three races. Accordingly a sweeping revolution took place in the rowing matters, marked by the return of fundamental principles, change of stroke instruction in pair oars to learn the new model and a long grind each day, to develop the men's wind.

Veteran Sculler Assisted.
In addition to doing these things, Coach John Kennedy engaged Fred Plaisted, the veteran sculler, to take charge of the rigging of the shells, and act as his lieutenant generally. Plaisted proved a most invaluable assistant, and there is talk of re-engaging him next year. As a result of the thorough overhauling given the squad, Yale will take the water to-morrow with a finished crew, far different from the aggregation that went down to defeat in the earlier races.

Yale's varsity eight will face Starter Melkleham to-morrow, made up as follows: Front, bow; Field, 2; Scully, 3; Tucker, 4; Romeyn, 5; Philbin, 6; Van Blarcom, 7. Last, stroke, and Abeles, coxswain.

In spite of the fact that the varsity race has gone to Harvard for the past three years Yale is still two races ahead of her rival. Since 1852 these two great institutions have had forty-four varsity races. Of these Yale has captured twenty-three and Harvard twenty-one. They have had various systems of rowing, rigging and many different coaches, yet they are only two races apart on the sum totals.

An interesting point to note is that only occasionally have they alternated as victors. Much more often has one struck a winning gait and kept it for two, three or more years. This is the case at present with Harvard, and rowing men are wondering when it will end.

At one period, when old Bob Cook had developed a system at Yale whereby he kept the freshmen supplying magnificent material each season for the following year's varsity—just as Courtney does now at Cornell—Harvard's annual pilgrimage to the Thames seemed useless and hopeless. But the spell was finally broken, and now it will be in the present case, if not to-morrow, then some later time.

Harvard Freshmen Strong.
The Harvard freshmen look somewhat stronger than the Yale class crew. They have given the varsity several hard brushes during the training workouts and would make worthy foe for the regulars. The Crimson freshmen will be headed thus: Carver, bow; Trumbull, 2; Reynolds, 3; Taylor, 4; L. Curtis, 5; Gardner, 6; Mills, 7; Curtis, stroke, and Roosevelt, coxswain.

While there is not so much interest in the varsity four contest as in the

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Pittsburg, Pa., June 29.—A stream of athletes from all parts of the United States poured into this city to-day and to-night. Before noon to-morrow 500 men, the cream of America's athletic talent, will have assembled at Forbes Field to participate during the afternoon and Saturday in the National Amateur Athletic Union junior and senior championship games.

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